



Burr Ridge Briefs

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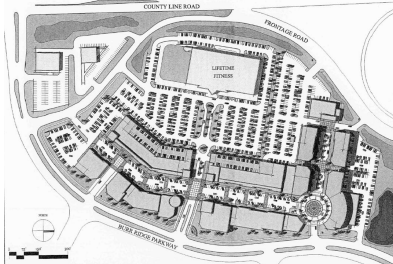
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Town Center Development Proposed

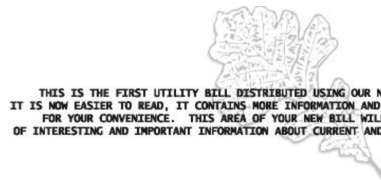


In December, Opus North proposed a 278,000 square foot Town Center on 22 acres of land in the corporate park, adjacent to the Lifetime Fitness facility. According to Opus North, the concept is to provide "an open air shopping experience characterized by upscale retail and dining establishments along main streets." A departure from traditional strip malls and shopping centers, the Town Center would contain 191 condominium units, creating a walkable lifestyle for residents.

Public hearings continue into the New Year as the Plan Commission determines whether the development is suitable for the Village and, if so, what amendments will need to be made to the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate the project. Residents are urged to learn more about this project as it will have a significant impact on the community. Visit the Village's web site (www.burr-ridge.gov) and click on "Burr Ridge Corporate Park/Town Center Public Hearings" under "Click and Go" for updates and information.



Village Eliminates Postcard Water Bills



THIS IS THE FIRST UTILITY BILL DISTRIBUTED USING OUR NEW CITIZEN-FRIENDLY FORMAT. IT IS NOW EASIER TO READ. IT CONTAINS MORE INFORMATION AND A PRE-ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. THIS AREA OF YOUR NEW BILL WILL BE RESERVED TO NOTIFY YOU OF INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT AND FUTURE EVENTS IN YOUR VILLAGE.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION

BILL DATE: 07/06/2004 NAME: ROBERT R. SAMPLE SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 SAMPLE AVENUE		ACCOUNT NUMBER: 95956010-00 	
METER INFORMATION Current Reading197 Previous Reading194 Consumption (1,000 Gallons)3		BILLING PERIOD Current Reading Date06/07/2004 Previous Reading Date05/08/2004 Type of ReadingActual	
PREVIOUS BALANCE		\$21.37	
LAST PAYMENT RECEIVED		05/07/2004	
PAST DUE BALANCE		\$0.00	
CURRENT CHARGES			
Water Fixed Charge		\$128.50	
Water Service		\$714.00	
Sewer Service		\$181.05	
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES		\$1023.55	
TOTAL DUE BY 5:00 PM 06/20/2004		\$11.37	
TOTAL DUE AFTER 06/20/2004		\$13.57	
<small>10% LATE CHARGE WILL BE ADDED TO CURRENT CHARGES IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE. RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE.</small>			
 7660 County Line Road Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 654-8181 www.burr-ridge.gov		ACCOUNT NUMBER: 95956010-00 SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 SAMPLE AVENUE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY 06/20/2004 \$11.37 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AFTER 06/20/2004 \$13.57 AMOUNT PAID	
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PLEASE DO NOT FOLD OR STAPLE

Above is a sample of the Village's new bi-monthly water bill.

Water bills are going to look a bit different from now on. Instead of 4 by 6 inch postcards, water bills will be printed on letter sized paper, mailed in an envelope with a return envelope included. After careful research, this action was taken in an effort to make the water billing process more efficient. Each billing cycle, staff received several complaints that the postcard water bills were easily lost, getting stuck between magazine pages and junk mail. The new format (shown at left) will be produced and distributed by Third Millennium of Chicago, a company specializing in utility bill generation and distribution. Although this change results in a cost increase, it is completely offset by a reduction in the cost of printing and mailing the Village's residential newsletter, the *Burr Ridge Briefs* (see article on page two), and various other mailings. The billing cycle will remain unchanged: January, March, May, July, September and November.

News in Brief

Village Newsletters, Annual Report and Resident Guide Revised

As with the Village's water bills, the *Burr Ridge Briefs* newsletter and *Calendar and Annual Report* will undergo major changes in 2005. Beginning in March, the *Burr Ridge Briefs* newsletter will be inserted into the Village's water bills. In fact, this will be the last newsletter sent to residents in this format. Currently, four newsletters are sent approximately every three months. To reduce annual postage and printing costs, the services of Third Millennium will be used to produce and distribute the newsletters. Residents can expect to receive newsletters with their March, May, September and November water bills.

The Village's *Calendar and Annual Report* had consisted of three components: an annual report highlighting accomplishments throughout the Village, a calendar with meeting and program dates, and a information that served as a guide for understanding Village Programs and services. The *Annual Report* will now be produced in a newsletter format and included in the January water bill, further reducing printing and mailing costs.

The resident guide information will be also be revamped into a new and improved "Burr Ridge Resident Guide" with more information on Village services, programs, frequently asked questions, annual meeting dates and more. The Resident Guide will be mailed to every household in Burr Ridge in early 2005 and reprinted on a 3-year cycle to maximize savings.

Know the Code

Mailboxes:

A mailbox is considered an obstruction in the right-of-way and is, therefore, regulated by the Village in order to minimize the potential for vehicle damage and personal injury. Rigid and oversized supports such as masonry, stone or brick columns, solid concrete supports, barrels filled with concrete, etcetera, are prohibited. A mailbox must be installed on either a wooden post (minimum of 4" x 4" and maximum of 6" x 6") or a light-gauge hollow metal pipe (minimum of 3" in diameter). Supports must be constructed to promote breakaway, bending or yielding upon impact of a vehicle. Residents are reminded that the Village is not liable for damage to illegal or nonconforming structures caused by direct contact from a snowplow.

Electronic Dog Fences:

Electronic dog fences are strictly prohibited in the right-of-way. If you currently have a transmitter located in the right of way you are required to remove it.

Filing Deadline for April Election

The election of Village President, three Trustees and Village Clerk to serve four-year terms will be on the April 5, 2005 ballot. Village Clerk Karen Thomas would like to remind residents that the filing period for candidacy petitions is between 8:00 AM on January 17 and 5:00 PM on January 25 at the Burr Ridge Village Hall, 7660 County Line Road. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen, and must be a Burr Ridge resident for at least 1 year prior to the election. Required materials for potential candidates for office, including information on the number of signatures required to place a candidate's name on the ballot, are available from the Village Clerk. She can be reached at (630) 654-8181, extension 101. The deadline to register to vote in the election is March 8, 2005. Voter registration is available at Village Hall during regular business hours.

Public Works Renovation Underway

The front office area of the Public Works Facility is receiving a face-lift. The first phase of the three-year, three-phase renovation project includes remodeling office and meeting space, creating a more efficient and effective work space for Public Works staff. Phases two and three will include repair and remodeling of the warehouse and vehicle area, repairs to the floor, improvements to the mechanic's bay, complete roof removal and replacement and exterior site improvements.

Donor Beware: M.A.P. Solicitation

Under the guise of the Burr Ridge Police Association, the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) continues to solicit residents and businesses for contributions. Neither the Village nor the Police Department is involved in nor condones this action. Burr Ridge Officers are not allowed to participate in solicitations of this type. The "Burr Ridge Police Association" is a local affiliate of the M.A.P. union and any contribution should be made freely and openly on the basis of an informed choice. If you are or have been contacted and feel that you were pressured, misinformed or harassed in any way, it is suggested that you call the M.A.P. offices at (630) 759-4925 and ask for your money back. Please contact Steve Stricker, Village Administrator, at 654-8181, extension 100 with any concerns or complaints.

Essay Contest Deadline: February 14

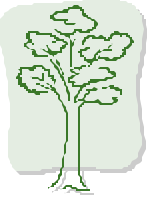


Entries for the Environmental Quality Commission Essay Contest are due by Monday, February 14, 2005.

Complete contest rules, essay topics and information on where to submit a completed essay are available at www.burr-ridge.gov on the Community Events Page or by calling Lisa Scheiner at 654-8181, extension 105.

Public Works in Brief

January Tree Trimming



Following the first of the year, the annual tree trimming program will focus on Area 2, which encompasses but does not include 55th Street on the north, I55 on the south, County Line Rd. on the west and I294 on the east. Winkler's Tree Service will trim all trees larger than eight inches in diameter under the supervision of Village Arborist Gary Gatlin. Other trees are trimmed by Public Works Staff. The Village trims all parkway trees on a seven-year cycle.

Residents are reminded that the parkway trees are the responsibility of the Village and are maintained by Public Works and its Village Arborist, who will make decisions about their care. Unfortunately, there are times when a branch or branches must be removed in a manner that leaves a parkway tree looking asymmetrical. However, it should be remembered that the safety of vehicular traffic, pedestrians and property owners is the primary consideration when the Village trims parkway trees. Trees must be trimmed with a minimum clearance of 16 feet above the street pavement as the trees reach maturity. Dead or structurally unsound branches are also removed.

Mailbox Damage from Snowplows

Check now to make sure your mailbox is sturdy and in good condition so that it can withstand the rigors of winter and snow plow season. The Village is only responsible for damage due to direct plow contact with a mailbox or its post and liability is limited to \$50. There is no liability for mailboxes that do not conform to regulations. For more information on mailbox regulations, see the article in the Know the Code section of this newsletter.

Keep Streets Safe in Winter

During snow storms the Village is responsible for clearing 60 miles of streets and 162 cul-de-sacs, eye-brows and dead-ends. To assist the Public Works Department, a contractual service is hired to plow certain areas of the Village. While the snowplows are clearing streets after a snow storm, you can do your part to by remembering these key points for winter road-way safety:



- * Be cautious around snowplow equipment. Children should not play in or near the streets while plowing is in progress.
- * Be careful entering major streets and highways. Stay well back from snowplows to avoid being hit by spreading material or ice that may fall off the truck.
- * Do not shovel snow into the street from your driveway. Driveway snow must be shoveled to grass areas.
- * A snow emergency will be declared whenever two inches or more of snow accumulates during any 24-hour period. The emergency will remain in effect for 48 hours, during which time on-street parking is prohibited.
- * Thoroughfares are plowed first, followed by secondary streets and then cul-de-sacs, which are generally plowed last, often by outside contractors.
- * If your vehicle becomes disabled, pull as far off the road as possible, turn on your emergency flashers and other lights in order to be seen. Keep snow off your headlights and taillights.

Police Briefs

Watch for Suspicious Activity in your Neighborhood

Residents should alert the police to suspicious vehicles and persons in their neighborhood. It can assist the police in solving and preventing crimes if residents call when they observe the suspicious activity. Often times residents do not call because they believe they are "bothering" the police with a non-emergency. Remember that the police are here to protect residents, homes and businesses and following up on your call is no bother.

Residents can do their part to protect their homes and valuables. Make your house uninviting to criminals by keeping doors locked and security systems activated. Do not leave car keys or valuables in your vehicle and make sure to lock your car doors. Call the Police Department at 323-8181 to schedule a safety check of you home. Officers can evaluate your property and suggest ways to make your home more secure.

Gun Locks Available for Residents

The Police Department has a supply of gun locks, provided by the Lieutenant Governor in conjunction with Project Homesafe. Contact Officer Angie Zuccherro at 323-8181, extension 322 if you would like a free gun lock.

Citizens Police Academy Graduates 12

On November 11, students graduated from the seventh annual Citizen Police Academy. Celebrating the completion of this ten week program was Karen Farrar, Kenneth Feltz, Siegfried Genutis, Diane Mestan, Jean Rossi, Larry Ryan, Lisa Scheiner, Charles Schiller, Salvador Sedita, Joyce Silva, Thomas Walter, and Gordon Wandrey. Graduates are encouraged to join the Alumni Association and welcome to attend future sessions for new information.

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Calendar of Events

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- 10 Village Bd. Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 11 Vet. Memorial Cmte. Mtg. 5:30 PM
- 12 Bd. of Fire & Police Commissioners
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- 13 Pathway Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 17 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
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- 31 Plan Commission Special Mtg.
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February

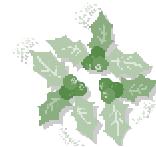
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Seasons Greetings



The Burr Ridge President, Board of Trustees, Village Clerk, Department Heads hope and Village Staff wish each of you an abundance of holiday cheer. We hope that your holiday season was happy, healthy and safe. We wish you and yours peace and prosperity ❄️❄️❄️

Please Report Lights Out

If you notice a darkened street light, a light that is on during the day or a light that is damaged, please bring it to our attention immediately. Report your observations by calling the Public Works Department at 323-4733.

Visit us on the web at
www.burr-ridge.gov